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Arnold Frye, with a letter from Bill Draper, came to see me this morning. He is a New York investment banker and wishes to talk to Jean Monnet about financing some of the coal and steel pool requirements. I told him I thought this was premature but arranged for him to see Monnet in Luxembourg.

André de Staercke came in and I told him of the instructions I had received in Rome to go to Brussels and make a try at attempting to persuade the party leaders there to obtain ratification of EDC by one chamber before the summer parliamentary recess. He agreed with me [redacted] it would be inopportune and might be resented if I did this under present circumstances. The conversation recently in Washington between President Eisenhower, Foster Dulles and the Belgian Ambassador represents about the limit of pressure which seems wise at this time. The affair is still in the balance, but it appears probable [redacted] nothing will be done until autumn.

We went to lunch today with Guillaume Guindey, who is shortly retiring from the Treasury after long and brilliant service there. He is an admirable man. Pierre Paul Schweitzer, Eve Curie, and a [redacted] lady who is a relative of Guindey's were the other guests.

I went to see Doug Dillon this afternoon. He is leaving tonight for Washington to be present during the conversations with Bidault. I told him how important it seemed to me that our authorities should impress on Bidault once again the great importance we attach to progress on (and a firm stand by the French Government in favor of) the EDC and EPC. He said [redacted] this represented his own view.

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Abe Manell called on me to say [redacted] he had recently seen Baylot, the Prefect of Police, who is an old friend of mine, and Baylot wanted us to do

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something with them soon either in Paris or at their house in Rambouillet. I arranged a date later in the month.

Abe is shortly leaving here for his new post at Lisbon. He will be a great loss.

Adolph Schmidt came in and we had a long talk about Pittsburgh, particularly regarding the civic developments there in which he has played such a prominent part. He is also the mainstay in Western Pennsylvania of support for European integration movements.

Tonight we went to a huge dinner at Jacqueline Patenôtre's, 58, Avenue Foch, which preceded a ball her sister Daisy was giving for her debutante daughter. It was very pleasant. I sat between the Italian Ambassadress and Madame Jacques Rueff. We left shortly after midnight and did not go to the ball.

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